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Attachment C **Park-Specific Provisions**

WESTERN ARCTIC NATIONAL PARKLANDS – 2015

Noatak National Preserve
Kobuk Valley National Park
Cape Krusenstern National Monument
Bering Land Bridge National Preserve

OPERATIONS

1. Holder is prohibited from dropping off or picking up non-Federally qualified subsistence caribou hunters within western Noatak National Preserve in accordance with attached map prior to September 15, unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent.
2. All Big Game Transporters and all Incidental Big Game Transport Service providers must attend an informational meeting prior to start up of operations every year. The informational meeting will be offered by Western Arctic National Parklands staff and made available in Kotzebue, Alaska. Operators need to call the administrative officer at 907-442-8315 to schedule a meeting. Meetings must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. Once the meeting has taken place, the Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) will become effective. Failure to schedule and attend a meeting will result in suspension of the CUA.
3. The holder agrees to pay a flat management fee of \$100 per year for each CUA that covers any one or more of the four units under the Western Arctic National Parklands Unit.

HUNTER EDUCATION

1. CUA holders will offer a comprehensive orientation process that promotes hunter ethics, state hunting regulations, conservation, protecting park lands and natural environments, hunter safety, minimizing conflicts with subsistence users and how to avoid waste of meat. An on-site orientation for their clients in Kotzebue will include the same topics plus use of equipment, keeping camps clean and “bear proof”, how to handle emergencies, use of satellite phone and review of publications from ADF&G and NPS.
2. CUA holders shall inform clients about traditional hunting practices in the area and the importance of respecting these local traditions.

LANDS / CAMPING

1. Permanent or semi-permanent camps are not allowed. All camp improvements must be dismantled and removed after each client.
2. Each CUA holder’s clients/groups present in the park units at the same time must be at least five miles apart from each other and attempt to stay five miles from other transporter camps.

3. Dead wood on the ground may be used for campfires. Except in the case of life threatening emergency, no wood may be cut from living plants.
4. Commercial float trips are limited to a maximum party size of 12 persons, including CUA holders' employees.
5. Commercial backpacking trips (including side trips taken by river float parties) and trips utilizing land based "base camps" are limited to a maximum of 10 persons, including CUA holders' employees, unless authorized by the Superintendent in writing.
6. Commercial hunting trips are limited to a maximum party size of 8 persons, including CUA holders' employees.
7. Utilization of landing areas or airstrips is at the pilot's discretion. No improvements to or enlargements of existing landing sites and gravel bars are allowed. The construction of new landing areas is prohibited.
8. The CUA holder will carry a spill kit onboard each aircraft that includes absorbent pads, a shovel and doubled plastic bags to remove and transport contaminated material.
9. When transporting hazardous materials such as stove fuel or bear spray, the CUA holder will use a USDOT approved container and packaging and follow the hazmat guidelines for safe handling, transportation and storage.
10. The CUA holder must remove all trash and garbage generated by their activities within the park.
11. Loading or unloading passengers or cargo from aircraft must be done only when engine(s) are completely shut down. "Hot loading" or "hot unloading" of passengers or cargo is prohibited.
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REPORTING

1. Licensed Big Game Transporters may use the State reporting form; however, the responses on the form must specify GPS coordinates for the drop off and pick up locations of clients, and the number of each species harvested.

CONVENIENT LINKS

Alaska's Division of Professional Licensing - <http://commerce.alaska.gov/occ/pgui.htm>

Selawik National Wildlife Refuge – <http://selawik.fws.gov/>

Bureau of Land Management – <http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/fo/fdo.html>

Northwest Arctic Borough - <http://www.nwabor.org/>